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Democrats wasted no time trashing one portion of the proposal: changes to Medicare. Los Angeles Democrat Xavier Becerra is the number two person with the House Democratic Caucus. Becerra says the Republican proposal would “end Medicare as we know it.”

Becerra says it would end the Medicare guarantee and shift the cost of health care to seniors. "Some estimates are that it would cost seniors out of pocket an additional \$6,000."

In a Kaiser Family Foundation poll earlier this month, 70 percent of respondents said they want Medicare to remain as is, including more than half of Republicans surveyed.

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